High Voltage Activation

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The Ramp

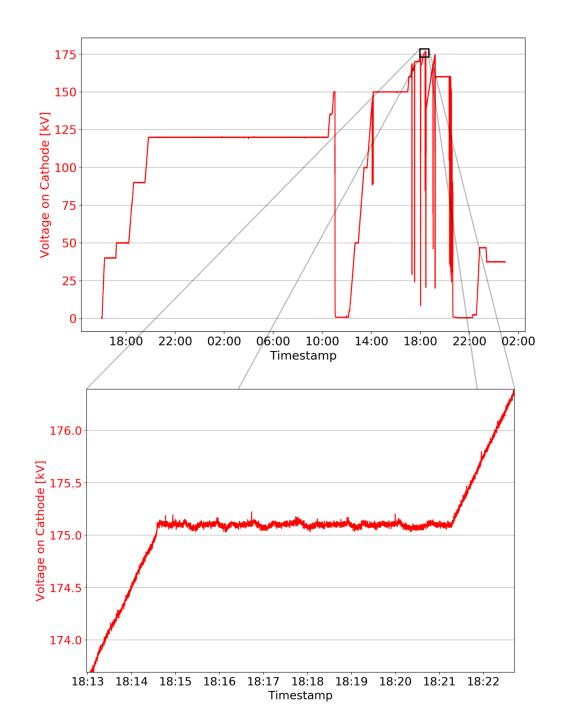
 Top right: September 13, 4PM to September 15, 2AM

• Day 1:

- The ramp to -120kV went very smoothly
- Stable over ~14hrs.

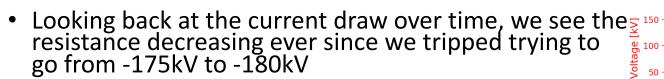
• Day 2:

- Ramped up to -150kV and tripped due to a relatively small and fast fluctuation
- Hit a couple of current limits on the way back up to -150kV, but we made it and were stable for ~2hrs.
- Increase to -160kV, no problem
- Increase to -170kV, hit some current limits, but got there
- Increase to -175kV, hit one current limit, but got there and held for several minutes
- Push to -180kV was unsuccessful.
- Decrease to -160kV with intention of sitting overnight, but it "tripped" ~45 minutes later

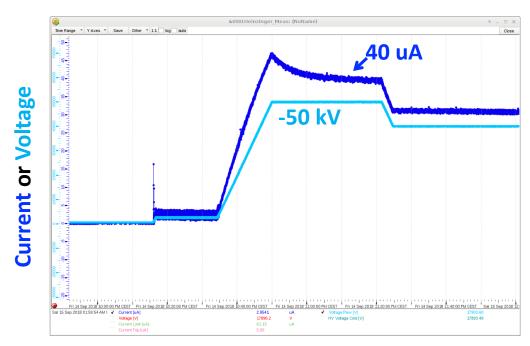


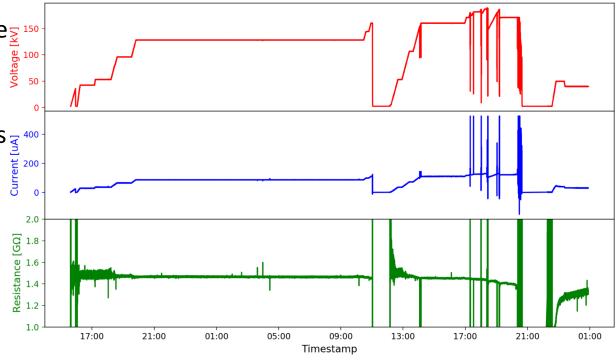
Abnormal Current Draw

- When trying to ramp back up after the trip Friday night, we noticed an excessive current draw
- The shape of the current draw vs. time also indicated something was wrong



- Even a bit *leading up to* the trip at -150kV
- Even when the resistance was stable the value was less than we expected
- Immediately suspected the downstream filter, which has been leaking
- The value towards the end corresponds to about a $7.25G\Omega$ resistor in parallel circuit

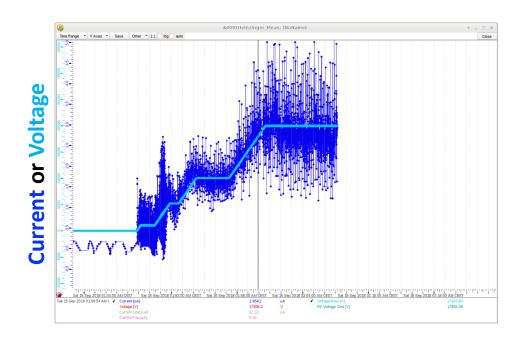


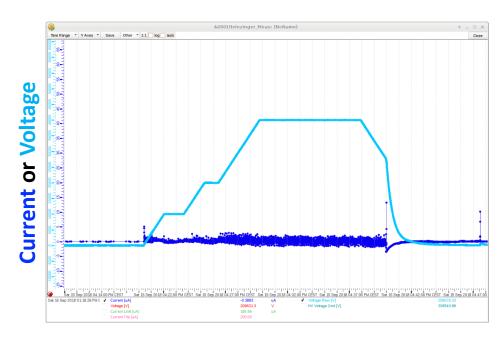


Testing the Warm Side

- Removed the feedthrough cable insert to break connection from the detector and test the warm part of the HVS
- Ramped the voltage to -20kV, and sure enough there was a leakage current corresponding to about $7G\Omega$

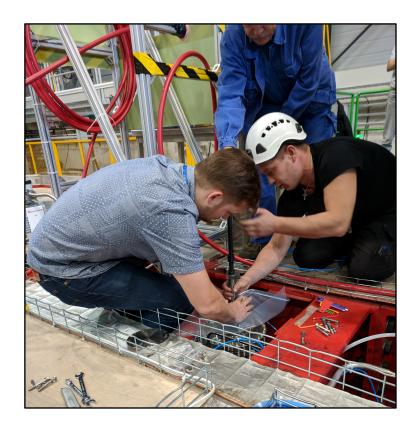
- The next morning we replaced the cable+filter line with a continuous HV cable which was attached to the feedthrough insert
- When changing the cable at the Heinzinger end, water was found inside
- The water was removed and the "warm side" held its voltage with no noticeable leakage current





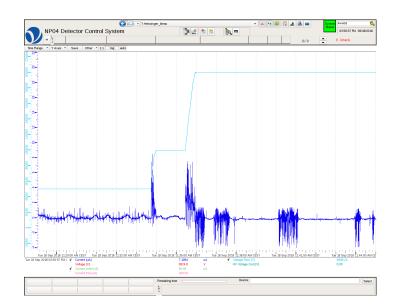
Reconnecting with the detector

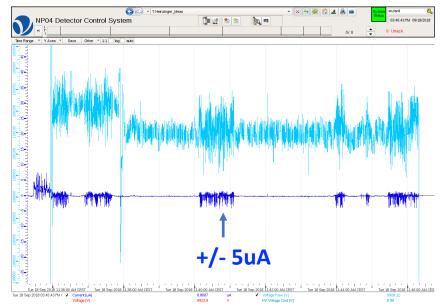
- Reconnected to the detector in the "dry Heinzinger + no filter" configuration and saw a lot of noise on the current draw (+/- 10uA)
- We found that the solder connection holding the cable onto the metallic tip of the insert came off.
 The cable was loose and could be pulled up away from electrical contact
- The insert was again removed, but the tip remained in the cavity...
- Machined a special tool and removed the piece

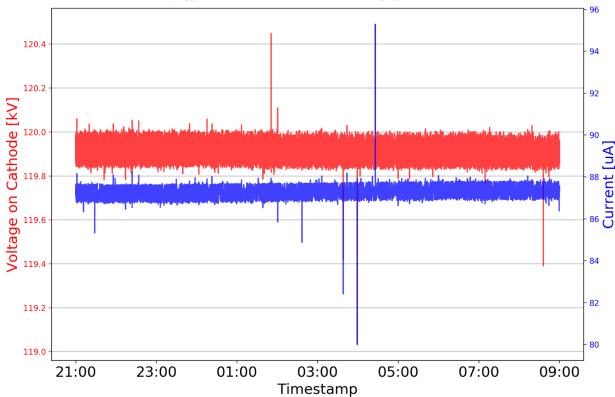


Heinzinger

- We are a little concerned with the current fluctuations we see on the Heinzinger
 - e.g. with no load (no cable inserted) we see the activity shown at top right at -200kV
 - e.g. while connected to the detector after the first day of ramping, while sitting at -120kV overnight
 - etc...







Back to the Ramp

- We tested the Heinzinger (with and without test loads), the filtered-cable, and the connectivity from the PS to the FC termination extensively
- Everything was shown to be in an acceptable condition, so we initiated a new ramp
 - -0kV to -30kV check current draws and voltage stabilities of wire biasing PS's, FC termination PS's, and WIB/FEMB PS's
 - -30kV to -60kV check current draws and voltage stabilities and run the DAQ
 - -60kV to -90kV check current draws and voltage stabilities
 - -90kV to -120kV check current draws and voltage stabilities, take a long DAQ run, and sit overnight
 - -120kV to -140kV check current draws and voltage stabilities
 - -140kV to -160kV check current draws and voltage stabilities, run the DAQ, and sit all day and overnight

